

**ZEELAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
September 1, 2015**

The Zeeland Charter Township Board held a Regular Board meeting on September 1, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall at 6582 Byron Road, Zeeland, Michigan. Members present: Supervisor Nykamp, Clerk Kraak, Treasurer Myaard, Trustees Barkel, Brink, Oonk, and Overweg.

1. Supervisor Glenn Nykamp called the meeting to order.
Recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
Invocation offered by Treasurer Myaard.
2. Motion made by Trustee Brink to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2015 meeting.
Trustee Oonk seconded the motion which passed.
3. Motion made by Trustee Oonk to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2015 Special Board Meeting. Trustee Barkel seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. Citizen Participation / Public Comment.

County Commissioner Al Dannenberg reported on county issues; there is a great deal of disappointment over Kandu closing this Friday. The board thanked Mr. Dannenberg for serving at the Drenthe Grove BBQ.

5. Business Items:
 - a. Resolution to Approve the 2015 Amendment of the Ottawa County Solid Waste Management Plan. Supervisor Nykamp explained the amendment regards the expansion of the landfill in Coopersville.

Trustee Oonk motioned and Trustee Barkel seconded to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 822 APPROVING THE 2015 AMENDMENT OF THE OTTAWA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**. Motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

6. Committee Reports:
 - a. **MACC & MACC TECH**. Treasurer Myaard reported on a recent meeting: changed insurance to the ParPlan, put in new furnace and air conditioner, passed revision of national classification for highways and worked on a resolution for funding 1.2 million in road repairs.
 - b. **FIRE**. The Fire Department changed its process for new recruits: new recruits will be put in a probationary training program. Upon completion, new recruits will be enrolled in the certification class.

Trustee Oonk motioned to approve placing Theodore Adam Kok and Mark Lewis Kraak into the probationary program. Trustee Brink seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Trustee Oonk reported the fire committee is reviewing the availability of new recruits. There is a need for daytime people because many of the firemen cannot leave work to respond to calls.

Payment for the new fire truck was mailed last week Thursday.

- c. **BUILDING /GROUNDS.** Trustee Brink will report on quotes for Fire Station No. 3 maintenance projects at the next board meeting.
- d. **ROADS.** Trustee Barkel reported subdivision repaving projects are mostly completed. Quincy St. will be graded next week. Supervisor Nykamp informed the Organic Garden business that their customers will no longer be able to park on the road. Trustee Brink asked if Mr. Mannes had a report on the house that needs to come down on Quincy St. before repaving occurs. No report was available. Progress on Ransom St. is going well.
- e. **PARKS/RECREATION.** Drenthe Grove Association will meet this Thursday to discuss the BBQ, new playground equipment and demolishing restrooms. Post Hardwoods is taking down dead trees in Van Zoeren Woods this week. The lumber crew discovered an area that had been omitted from the original estimate. The additional trees will bring the total amount removed to approximately 150 trees. The board stated the need for a process in selecting people who may remove the tree tops.

7. Attorney Issues. None.

8. Supervisor's Report.

- a. There will be a 6 PM meeting with our insurance representative on September 10 for the fire department and township personnel.
- b. There will be a 5 PM Work Session on Oct. 6 to discuss the budget.
- c. Supervisor Nykamp will meet with Financial Director Blackburn on Saturday to finalize the budget.
- d. We need to approve our tax rate at the next meeting.

9. Citizen / Public comment. None.

10. Additional Board Comment. None.

11. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Kraak – Clerk

Lisa Freeman – Recording Secretary